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POAM Pushes for Contempt of Court Charges Against Mayor, Police Chief

"I am following sound legal advice" —McAnally

by Dave Atkins

The following is the text of a press release from the Romulus Police Officers Association:

The Police Officers Associations of Michigan (POAM) has filed a motion for contempt of court against the City of Romulus, Police Chief Fred Dansby, and Mayor Beverly McAnally.

These city officials have disregarded a lawful arbitrator's decision and two court orders concerning the reinstatement of a Romulus officer to his rightful position on the police force. Both Chief Dansby and Mayor McAnally could be fined and incarcerated for refusal to abide by the court's ruling.

The officer, after the arbitration award and order of the court, appeared at the police department ready, willing, and able to perform police duties, but the city officials refused to reinstate him to duty.

This intentional and conspiratorial disregard of lawful orders of the circuit court and the court of appeals is depriving this officer of his livelihood and his civil rights.

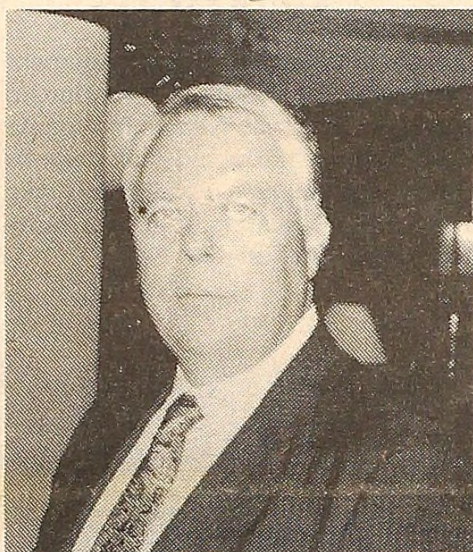
"Is this a civilized society or an anarchy?" asked POAM General Counsel Frank Guido. "No person or entity is above the law."

Morale in the Romulus Police Department is extremely low. The officers are apprehensive in performing their duties, as general opinion is that the chief administers through fear, intimidation, and coercion.

POAM has communicated to the mayor a desire for more open communication. It is possible that her advisors may not have adequately informed her about this situation. Past relations between the mayor and the police officers were good.

The Michigan Court of Appeals is expected to rule any day on the motion for contempt.

Now that you have read what the Police Officers Association has said about the situation, I will tell you what I know about it, and let you be the judge of what the mayor and police chief should do. As you read this, try to put yourself in the place of these two officials, who realize that every police officer wears a gun, and, therefore, has the



Romulus Police Chief Fred Dansby

power of life or death in any given situation that occurs.

The officer mentioned in the POAM press release is a man in his forties who became romantically involved with a 19-year-old female cadet on the Romulus police force. (Such involvement is against policy.) There were some altercations with the Garden City Police Department and the officer because of the cadet (and some of them were, in fact, fairly violent), but the officer was never arrested, even though he was said to have been drinking heavily at the time. The female cadet now has litiga-

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Romulus Mayor Beverly McAnally

Blanchard Signs Bill That Will Clean Up Toxic Waste Site in Romulus

Legislation authorizing \$175.8 million in funds generated through the \$800 million "Protect Michigan's Future" environmental bond issue to clean up hazardous wastes, finance solid waste reduction projects, and improve recreation was signed into law last week by Governor James J. Blanchard.

"These funds are essential to our efforts to clean up toxic wastes, improve Michigan's environment, and upgrade recreation facilities across the State," said Blanchard. "Voters overwhelmingly approved our 'Protect Michigan's Future' bond issue to pay for these projects, and today I am signing the authorization for nearly a quarter of that bond issue."

The Governor signed the bill at Romulus Junior High School, near an abandoned dump site that once contained 7,000 drums of industrial waste and now will be cleaned up with bond funds.

The legislation, H.B. 4057, authorizes the expenditure of \$117 million in funds from the Protect Michigan's Future bond and another \$58.8 million in matching funds collected through federal, restricted, and private sources.

"This legislation will provide funds to clean up wastes all across the State, but we must do more," the Governor said, renewing his call for tough legislation to make polluters pay for clean-up efforts. "Instead of being on vacation, Senate Republicans should free-

up S.B. 375 to make polluters clean up after themselves or pay triple damages if taxpayers do it.

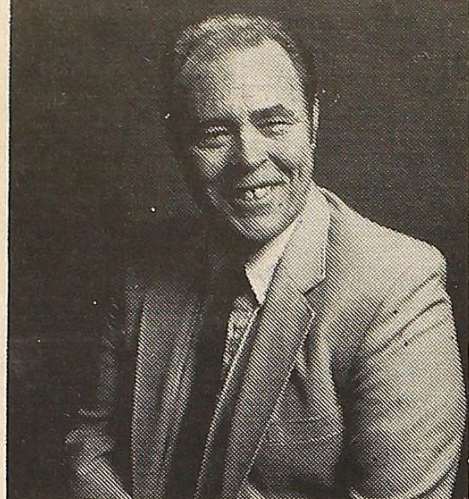
"The hazards posed by toxic wastes are too dangerous to ignore," Blanchard stated. "We must act now to put these funds to work and pass legislation that

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Gov. Blanchard signs bill in Romulus

THE EDITOR'S OPINION



Party Stores Getting Out of Hand

by Dave Atkins

At the intersection of Wayne and Ecorse roads, we have PJ's Lounge (on the northeast corner) and the City Lounge (on the southwest corner), and, just to the north, there is a store that sells liquor, too.

I guess that, normally, that wouldn't be too bad in a city the size of Romulus, but stop and think about how many other party stores sell liquor in our town.

One mile east of Wayne and Ecorse is the Wheat and Rye bar and the Super J party store, and another mile further east (at Ecorse and Middle Belt) is the Super Y party store.

Coming back south and west (I am just recalling stores and bars off the top of my head; this isn't all of them), along Wayne Road, there is Kegger's (about a half-mile south of Ecorse Road), the A & Z party store and Romulus City Drug (both are located in the same shopping center, about a half-mile further south), and RJ's party store (just a little further down the street). On Goddard, in the Downtown Area, you'll find the Landing Strip Lounge, the Romulus IGA grocery, and Mike's Party Store. At Five Points, there's Walter's Bar, the Silver Bullet Bar, the Golden Galleon (previously Fred and Mary's), and the Polka-Dot Party Pantry. And, of course, there is the new Super J party store on Huron River Drive at Eureka, Terry's Lounge, the Middlebelt Bar (another name at this writing), a party store near the Oakbrook subdivision, hotels that sell alcohol, and who knows how many others that I've missed?

What is the point of all this? Recently, both the Planning Commission and the City Council okayed a liquor license transfer from the Super J party store on Huron River Drive to another store that the owners are planning to build at Wayne and Ecorse roads. (The only City Councilman to vote against the transfer was Ellis Pennington.)

You stop and count the number of bars and stores that I have mentioned in this article so far, and you tell me if

we need any more of them.

True, this is the United States, and we have a free enterprise system, which means that if you have the money, can pass the city codes, and can get approval from the appropriate authorities, then you can open a business — as long as it is legal.

No, I am not saying that any of the businesses I have mentioned are illegal, nor am I implying that they are engaged in any illegal activities. But alcohol breeds trouble, just as dope and fast cars do.

You are probably saying, "This guy must be nuts."

I don't really think so. Yes, I go a little nuts when I hear of dope being sold to our kids, and, yes, I go nuts when I hear of bars, and especially liquor stores and party stores, selling to minors because they are easy prey.

Numerous party stores have been busted on sting operations for selling beer, wine, and hard liquor to our kids. The Planning Commission knows this, as does every member of the City Council and every member of the Police Department. Kids are easy. Make something easily accessible to them, and they will take advantage of it. You and I did when we were kids. Make it difficult for them, and they are more likely to stay away from it (whatever 'it' may be).

The point I am trying to make is that the Planning Commission and the City Council know the problems we have had in the past with alcohol in this (and every other) city. Why make it any easier for kids to gain access to it?

Another reason I feel the transfer of a beer-wine and/or liquor license should have been denied for that particular locations is that traffic hazards will surely occur.

The Ecorse-Wayne intersection is already a busy one, with two bars on opposite corners. Both of those roads are scheduled to be widened — and, normally, a road is not widened unless there is a huge increase in traffic on it, or at least the expectation of such an increase. How many people do you think may get hurt (or, even worse, killed) at that intersection because of more booze being available? One can only speculate.

Greed does funny things to people. The man who is going to put up the new store is a respectable person, so I am told. He already has a thriving business with his other store, and the completion of another of his proposed projects, a new strip mall, will bring him even more prosperity. Why does he want to build yet another party store and transfer the license from an established location to one that is already flooded with beer/wine and liquor licenses?

A little over 50% of all fatal accidents in Michigan are alcohol-related. That alone should tell you something. It is time for our city planners and city councilmen (and whoever else may be involved) to make an attempt to consider all of the long-term effects of their

decisions, instead of limiting their concern to an increase in our tax base.

Anyone who thinks that this is not a serious matter should check it out! See how many people alcohol and/or drugs have destroyed (more than any war we have ever been involved in).

In the 35 years that I was involved in the entertainment field, I played music in many night clubs, and I am well aware of what alcohol can do to a person and his/her family.

Selling to minors has gone on for many years, and will continue in the future, I am sure. But why make it so easily accessible?

What do you think? Write to us and let us know. □

ENGAGED

Proudly announcing their engagement are Romulus residents Amy McDonald (daughter of James Nelson McDonald and Linda L. McDonald) and Andrew Torres. The couple's wedding will take place at The Wedding Chapel in Farmington Hills on June 30, 1990.



Obituary

Gertrude "Trudy" J. Williams

Romulus resident Gertrude "Trudy" J. Williams died April 6, 1990, at the age of 47.

Trudy, the beloved wife of Claude A.R. Williams and the dear mother of Theodore A., Brian K., and Raymond J. Williams, was the daughter of Ann T. and the late Joseph Frankowski. She is also survived by one brother, Robert Frankowski; two sisters, Evelyn Penman and Marlene Maxwell; and one grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Monday, April 9, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Romulus, with Father Walter Lezuchowski officiating. Burial was in Romulus Cemetery. □



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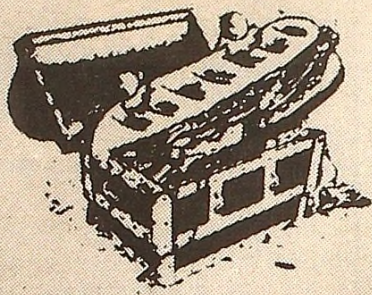
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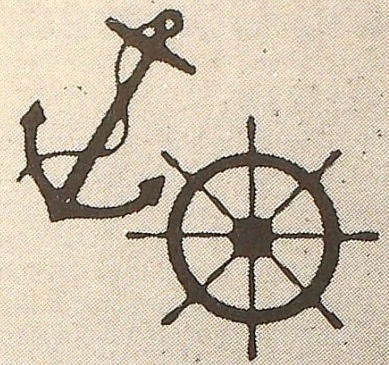
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School Board Meetings Now Being Covered by Shamanski

by Tom Shamanski

During the April 9, 1990 regular meeting of the Romulus Board of Education, Superintendent, Dr. William Bedell, and Assistant for Business, Joel Carr, reported that, due to a projected decline in next year's student enrollment, the School District is likely to lose seven or eight current positions. It was explained that such action is tentative at this point, as, presently, future student enrollment can only be estimated. Board Member Mary King queried whether the potential cutbacks would still be necessary if enrollment remained at, or increased from, its present level. After further discussion, it was generally concluded that such a stabilization or increase is, at present, unlikely.

During a discussion regarding an out-sourced electrician debt, Board Member Edward Wilkerson questioned whether it might be financially beneficial for the District to hire a permanent

electrician. Mr. Carr pointed out that, if an electrician were hired, that particular yearly salary would be more costly than paying individual contractors throughout the year.

T. M. LeCesne, Assistant Superintendent, presented a lettered proposal from Holiday Inn to host this year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner. After a general discussion led by Members King, Pat Patterson, Sandra Langley, and LeCesne, it was determined that accepting Holiday Inn's proposal, in lieu of using school facilities, would add approximately \$1,000 to the event's cost. The final consensus was to utilize school facilities because of the School District's depressed financial state.

Speaking to a Federal law mandating the writing and implementation of a Drug-Free Workplace Policy, Dr. Bedell urged the Policy Committee to be un-

questionably specific when writing the required guidelines. There are, he stated, usual, customary, and proper situations which, under a loosely written Policy, could potentially be interpreted as a Policy violation. Dr. Bedell then presented a theoretical situation in which a teacher, innocently having an alcoholic beverage with a colleague after an all-day seminar, could, under such loose guidelines, be questioned as a Policy violation. Dr. Bedell therefore recommends specific clarification be used when formulating this Policy.

In other matters, it was decided that, because of a scheduling conflict, the next regular Board meeting will be held Monday, April 30, at 7:30 p.m. □

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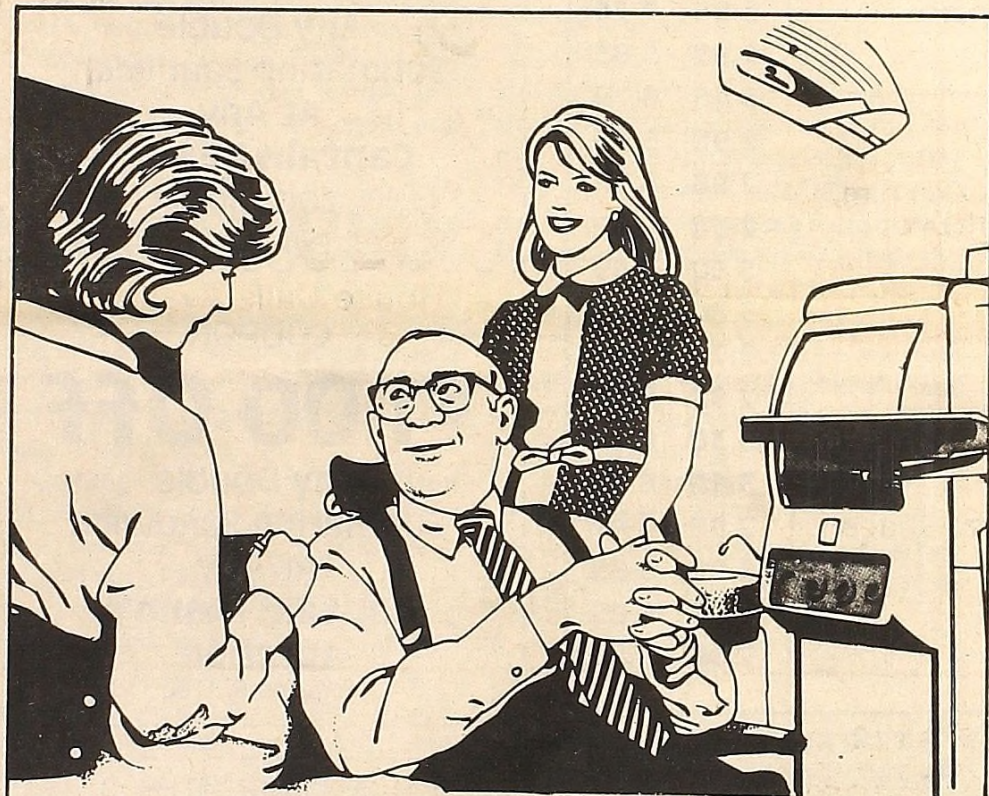
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This year's parade will leave City

Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 18. For more information and/or entry forms, stop in at the Recreation Office (36515 Bibbins) or call 942-6852.

Crafters who would like to rent table space for the Arts and Crafts Sale (May 18, 19, and 20) can call the Recreation Department (Gail Mach) at 942-6852

(days) or Kathy Darnell at 942-0723 (evenings).

Adult Softball

Teams for Adult Softball are currently being organized into leagues. Any individuals who would like to join a team may call the Recreation Department and leave their name and telephone number. The Recreation Department will turn this information over to those managers who still need more players.

Parent/Child Bowling

Parent/Child Bowling has been set for 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, at the

Romulus bowling alley. The \$13-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pop, pizza, mystery games, bowling for dollars, and prizes. Registrations will be accepted at the bowling alley on a first-come, first-served basis; entry fees must be paid at registration.

Adult Scotch Doubles

Adult Scotch Doubles Bowling has been scheduled for 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Romulus bowling alley. The \$17-per-couple entry fee includes bowling, pizza, and jackpots. Registrations will be accepted at the bowling alley □

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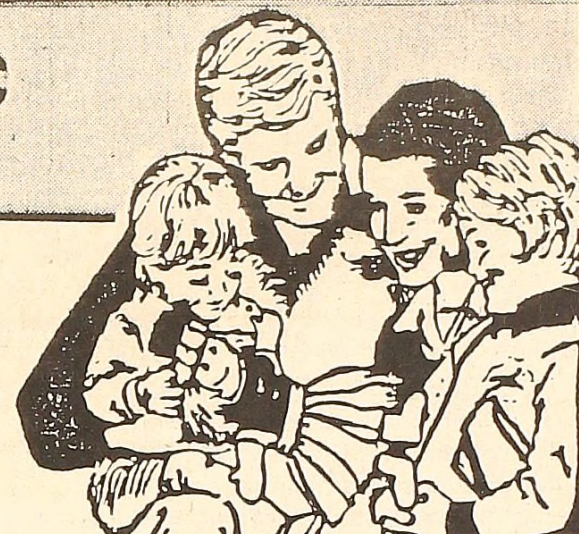
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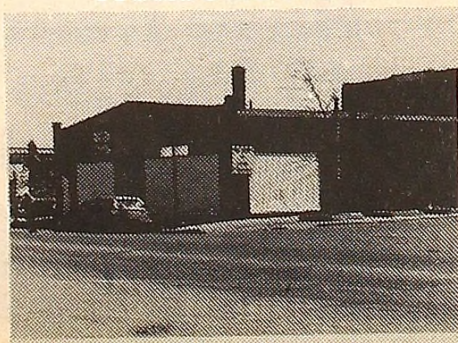
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Levin: Government Inaction Hurting Michigan Business

"I just see a lot of hurdles here. . . . I don't see a massive effort, like I see in other countries, to help our companies in Michigan and elsewhere do business in the new Eastern Europe."

So said Senator Carl Levin (D-Mich.) at a Senate Small Business Committee session dealing with trade opportunities for small- and medium-sized businesses in Poland, Czechoslovakia, and other newly freed Eastern European countries.

Levin serves on the Committee, which was chaired by Senator Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.).

"What does a small exporter in Michigan do, when he or she wants to export to Eastern Europe?" Levin asked Thomas Duesterberg, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and other government witnesses. "Do they go to the Small Business Administration? The Department of Commerce? The Trade Representative? Is there material available to help them?"

Duesterberg conceded that, with the exception of Poland and Hungary, the materials are not available. He suggested businesses start at the Foreign Commercial Service Office, then "go over there (Eastern Europe) and we can

put them in touch with our staff abroad."

Said Levin: "I've been there. And I can tell you, other countries' businesses are all over the place. I've been to Czechoslovakia and East Germany. They're there. The West Germans, the French, the British are all evident in Eastern Europe. They're involved, they're on the move, they're excited about the opportunities.

"But I just see a lot of hurdles here in the U.S. . . . I don't see any momentum towards helping our small businesses, in Michigan and elsewhere, to overcome the hurdles, the red tape, and the bureaucracy. Our companies don't need encouragement — they're ready. But they need help and guidance.

"I have met with Polish leader Lech Walesa a number of times," Levin noted. "He told me, 'We want you here. We want your small businesses and the joint ventures.' The Czech leadership told me the same thing.

"Yet, I do not see our government agencies offering our small businesses the direction they need to get into the action." □

CONTEMPT

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tion against the police department and some of its officers.

According to a corrected complaint to vacate arbitration award, which was received in the mayor's office on January 19, 1990, and is a complaint against the Police Officers Association of Mich-

igan, the officer in question was discharged from duty on March 3, 1989, for violating eight rules and regulations of the Romulus Police Department/City of Romulus.

On December 26, 1989, the arbitrator found the former police officer guilty of all eight charges, and ordered him back to work at his former position without back pay.

The City also maintains that the arbitrator was in violation of his contract with both parties (the City and the POAM), and that he (the arbitrator) exceeded his jurisdiction and authority.

In count four of the complaint against the POAM by the City of Romulus, it states that the arbitration award is against public policy as outlined in the provisions of MCLA 28.601, "It is the

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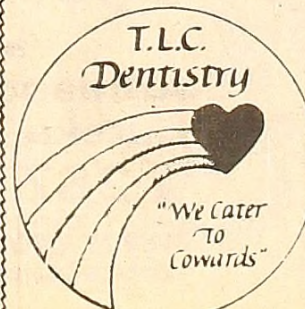
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CONTEMPT

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public policy of this state that those individuals who are psychologically unfit for employment as a police officer shall not be employed as a police officer."

Count four, paragraph 26, continues, "Harley V. Stock, Ph.D., staff psychologist for the State of Michigan, Department of Corrections, and a nationally recognized expert in the field of police officers fitness for duty evaluations, conducted extensive testing and determined that (the officer) was unfit to be a police officer. Doctor Stock further determined that (the officer) should not be returned to employment with the Romulus Police Department, as said return to employment could be detrimental to the citizens of Romulus and the police department."

According to City Attorney Jamil Akhtar, the officer in question has been back on the City's payroll since March 13, 1990, and the City has, in fact, given him paychecks since that date. Akhtar also stated that the officer has refused to return to work, even though a direct order to return to work was issued by Lieutenant Brown of the Romulus Police Department. The head of the Personnel Department for the City of Romulus, Marilyn Radford, said that the officer has refused to accept two regular-delivery letters and two registered letters requesting him to come in, fill out a new health card, and take a drug screening test.

"Regardless of the arbitrator's award, we have the right, by law, to demand a new health status card and drug screening before putting any employee back to work," Radford stated.

"(The officer) also refused to accept a check that was sent to him, and was ultimately delivered to the POAM and Mr. Guido at their headquarters," she continued. "There was a problem because some clerk typed on the back of the check 'final paycheck.' However, the city attorney, Akhtar, sent a letter and explained that the check was, in fact, not (the officer's) final check; it was a clerical error."

Mayor McAnally was contacted in

California, where she is vacationing, about the letter from the POAM, accusing her of contempt of court.

"I have the responsibility for the safety of the people of Romulus and the police department employees, and I am acting on sound legal advice in carrying out those responsibilities," McAnally said. "The return of (the officer) as an active police officer, carrying a gun while possibly under the influence of alcohol, would be an irresponsible act on my part as mayor of this city."

McAnally indicated that she will fight the arbitrator's award with undying gusto. □

GOVERNOR

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will require polluters — not taxpayers — to pay to clean up the toxic mess they make."

Some \$700,000 in funds from the "Protect Michigan's Future" bond issue are to be used to clean up the dump near Wick Elementary School, which was closed in 1975 after illegal dumping practices and drums of hazardous liquid industrial waste were found at the site.

Including the bond appropriation signed by the Governor, some \$200 million from the "Protect Michigan's Future" bond issue will have been approved, with funds that include:

- \$44.8 million to close 64 landfills and dumps, and finance 82 resource recovery projects;
- \$52.6 million for remedial clean-up action at 87 toxic waste sites;
- \$40.6 million for restoration and improvements at 65 state parks;
- \$25 million for the Great Lakes Protection Fund;
- \$19.6 million for the Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund to help communities build wastewater treatment plants;
- \$7.7 million to local units of government for 63 recreation area development and improvement projects; and
- \$4.7 million for boating, fishing, and wildlife development projects.

Earlier the same day, the Governor signed Executive Orders in Plainwell,

establishing an Environmental Inspector General to ensure state government leads by example in environmental and health safety efforts. The orders require environmental and health safety officers in each state department and a renewed commitment to regional, national, and international efforts to preserve and protect the Great Lakes.

Under the orders, all departments would be required to adhere to the letter and spirit of all State and Federal environmental and health safety laws and regulations, and designate environmental compliance officers and health safety officers whose activities would be reviewed by the Environmental Inspector General.

The text of Executive Order 1990-6, establishing environmental compliance officers and the inspector general, reads as follows:

WHEREAS, Michigan is a national leader in protecting and preserving the environment and ensuring the safety and health of its work force; and

WHEREAS, laws governing pollution control, health and safety apply to the operation of state government; and

WHEREAS, government should lead by example in meeting the letter and spirit of state and federal environmental safety and health laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES J. BLANCHARD, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, the laws of the State of Michigan and the laws of the United States, do hereby Order the following:

1. Each department of state government shall implement a program to ensure compliance with environmental regulations applicable to its operations. The Director of each department shall appoint an environmental compliance officer who shall assist in implementing that program and report regularly and annually to the department director on its operation.
2. Each department of state government shall implement a program to ensure a safe and healthful workplace. That program shall meet criteria established by Occupational Safety and Health laws as well as the Occupational Safety and Health

Program for state government as established by the Policy Council on Disability Management. The director of each department shall appoint a safety and health coordinator to assist in implementing that program and report regularly and annually to the department director on its operation.

3. The director of the department of Management and Budget shall create the position of the Inspector General within the executive office of the department. The director shall appoint the Inspector General, provide staff and other resources and support as necessary, and assign duties which shall include:

- a. Working with state departments and agencies to assess and ensure compliance with environmental and occupational safety and health laws. This responsibility shall include:
 - i. Establishing and coordinating interagency teams as needed to assist state agencies in compliance. The teams shall provide as necessary resources, training, environmental auditing and assessments, technical and other assistance to ensure compliance.
 - ii. Working with the environmental compliance officers, and safety and health coordinators designated pursuant to this order.
- b. Assessing and securing the resources and training necessary to ensure compliance and protection of state employees and the public.
- c. Developing and implementing guidelines and requirements for contracts between state agencies and private parties to:
 - i. Require and ensure compliance with environmental and occupational safety and health laws. These provisions shall include sanctions, including denial of future contracting privileges, for violations of environmental and occupational health and safety laws.
 - ii. Require as appropriate and necessary that contractors

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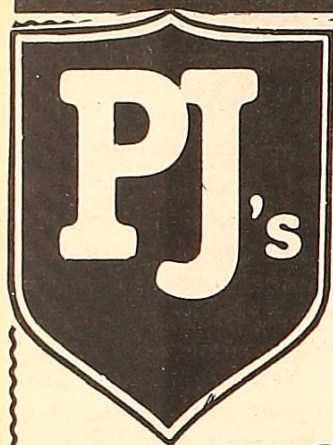
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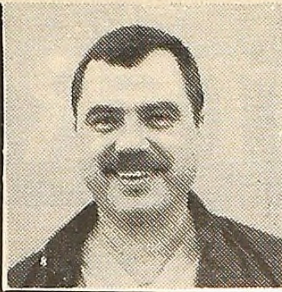
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Lately, sorry to say, I'm becoming increasingly dissatisfied with my job. Naturally, my mom says it's just a phase I'm going through, and not to worry, I'll grow out of it. But, I tell her, my lifetime oxygen tank is already half empty, and I think I'm all phased out. She persists and I listen . . . but not much. After all, folks, this is the woman who said I'd outgrow my uncontrollable, fatal attraction for homemade chocolate chip cookies . . . about 200 pounds ago. (But, then again, she was right about the sky-diving thing — thank God for that little kid's wading pool.)

Anyway, with job dissatisfaction came some very creative excuses for not working. The first few times you call in, just saying you're "not feeling well" is good enough. But soon, new, more imaginative reasons are needed.

"(Cough, cough) Oh, hello, this is Tom. Tell the boss I won't be able to make it today. I woke up with a stuffed nose and it's crept into my sinus cavities and my eyes are beginning to bulge and there's some yucky green gunk

dripping from my ears and my flat feet are acting up again. Whew, actually I'm amazed I can even make this call."

"Who is this?"

"I told you, it's Tom. Ah . . . isn't this Betty?"

"Listen, buster, this isn't Betty! It's Veronica, and I'm the Administrator's personal secretary. Now, what's this all about?!" — Yikes! (Click)

Needing to go to the tanning booth has become an excellent, and even a bit trendy, excuse for not working. My boss knows I vacationed in southern France last winter, so, in April, my needing a day at the tanner sounds extremely reasonable.

"Good morning, Dr. Chuckles. Sorry, but I won't be in today. Last night, I noticed my France tan is beginning to fade; couldn't sleep all night! If I don't streak to the tanning booth immediately, I'm cooked!" — The boss speaks . . .

"Oh thanks, I'm glad you understand. What's that? . . . Well, yes, they do facials and nails there." — She

speaks again . . .

"Ah, okay, that sounds . . . good. I'll pick you up in about an hour." — Doctor chuckles and hangs up.

Darn! A day off with the boss! What's next? . . . an IRS audit? . . . my toilet overflowing . . . a rejection from a dolphin?

* * *

Using pets as an excuse can be a brilliant stroke. Almost everyone likes pets and will usually buy anything concerning an animal.

"Hi, Doc; Tom here. I'm afraid I won't be able to come in today."

"Right, Tom. So, what's the deal this time?"

"Well, you know my pet lamb, Minty? Now, I don't know how this happened, but last night, that little rascal got into a full bottle of Woolite. Drank the whole darn thing, and is sicker than a dog. I mean, can you believe it?"

"Sure, I can believe it. I also believe your dear, departed grandmother must have been a cat and, according to my records, has now used up seven of her lives. Plus, dear boy, I believe your house has burned down three times, you've had 167 teeth pulled, and you've been on jury duty more times than Doogie Howser, MD, has saved a life! Yes, Tom; from you, I believe anything!"

"Gee thanks, Boss. But anyway, I called the vet, and I've got to stick Minty in the washer and agitate her until this darn Woolite effect wears off. Guess I'll see you tomorrow, eh?"

"Guess again, Pinocchio. After you're done drying your lamb, you better start looking for another job. Spinning yarn

might be something to consider, eh?"

Spinning yarn? I don't know . . . is there any money in that?

Accreditation Renewed

Principal Thomas Dolan of Romulus High School has announced that the school's North Central Association accreditation has been extended through the 1989-90 school year.

"Once in every seven-year cycle, each NCA school must undergo a comprehensive self-study, followed by an NCA team visit," Dolan explained. "This school was last evaluated in 1985. In the interim years, a school is accredited on the basis of its report on conditions in the school and on such supplementary information as the North Central Association requests. This continued accreditation means that the conditions for effective education exist in the school."

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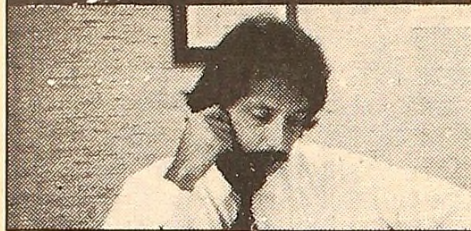
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by Murray A. Duncan, Jr., Attorney

At one time, an owner of a dog was not liable for a dog bite unless the owner was previously aware of the dog's mischievous propensity. This rule has been changed by statute, and the owner is now liable for all bites, regardless of the former viciousness of the dog or the owner's knowledge of that fact.

The only defense for an owner of a dog that has bitten a person is that the dog was provoked.

In regards to other domestic animals, it is still necessary to show that the owner had knowledge or notice of its vicious disposition before the owner can be held liable for injuries. Domestic animals, such as oxen or horses, may injure a person or property of another, but courts usually rule that if the animal is rightfully in the place where the injury occurs, the owner is not liable unless the owner knew that the animal was vicious.

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A private person may arrest for a felony actually committed in his or her presence.

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If you have a legal question that you

would like answered, you may send your question to my office and I will attempt to address it in a future issue. Questions should be mailed to: Murray A. Duncan, Jr., 10000 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. □

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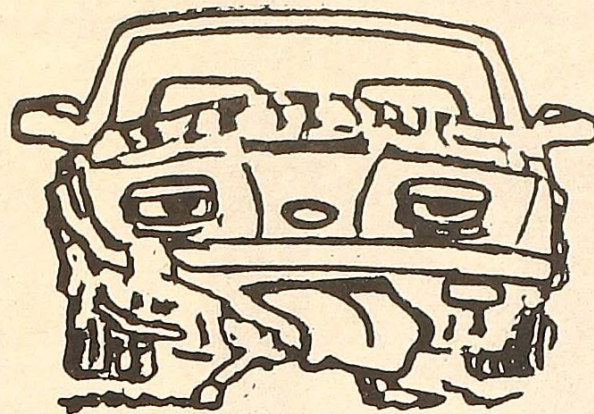
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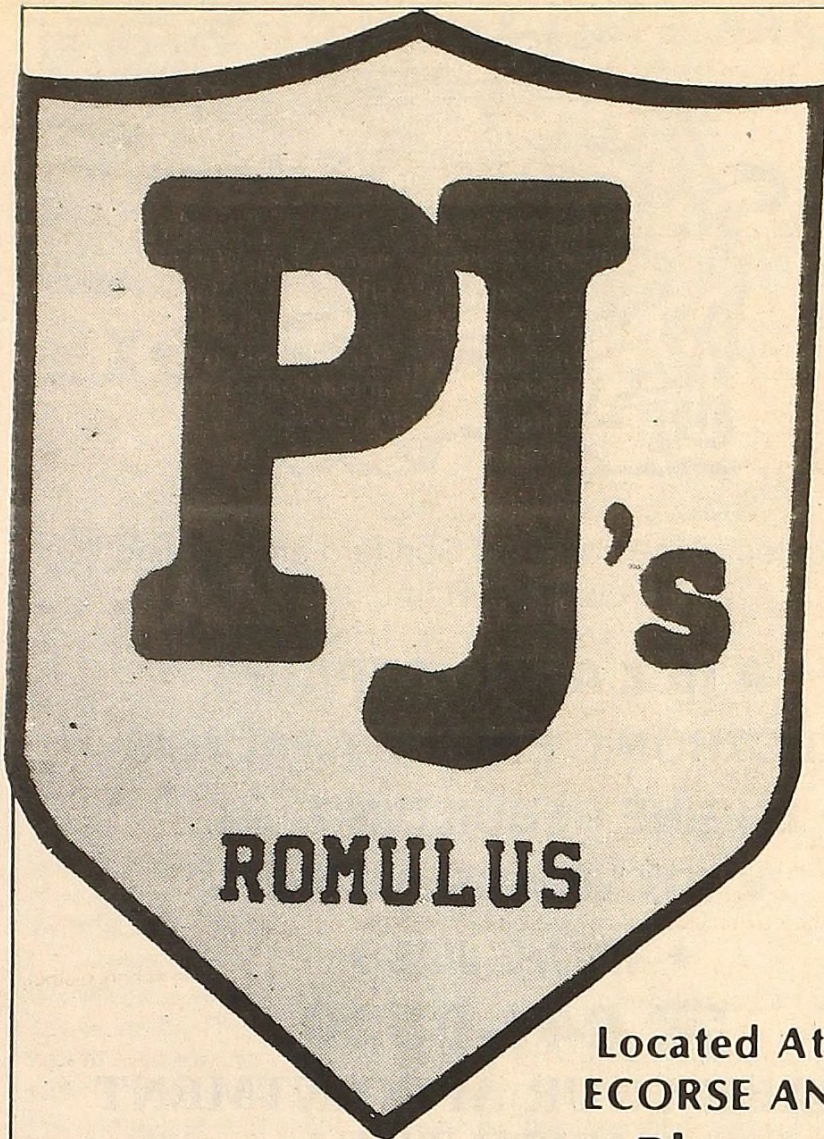
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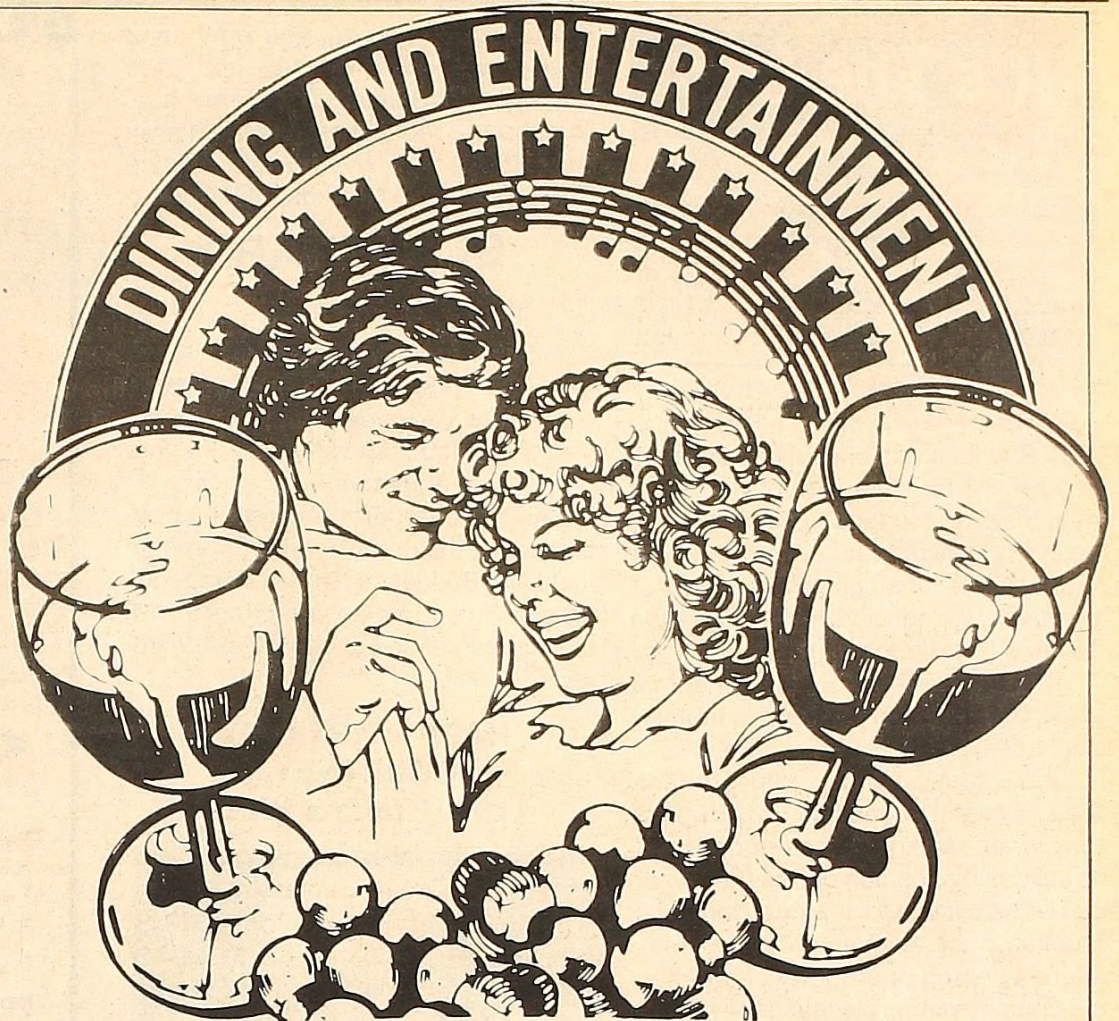
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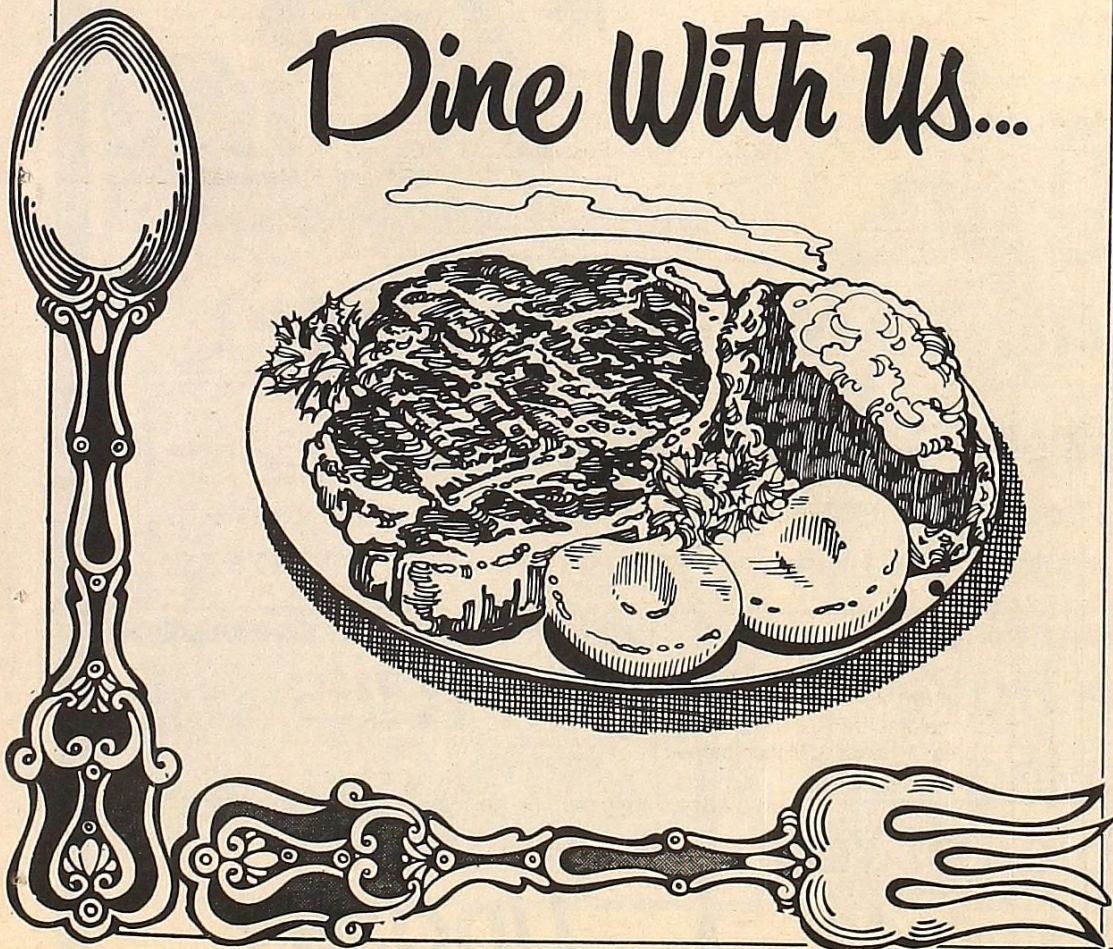
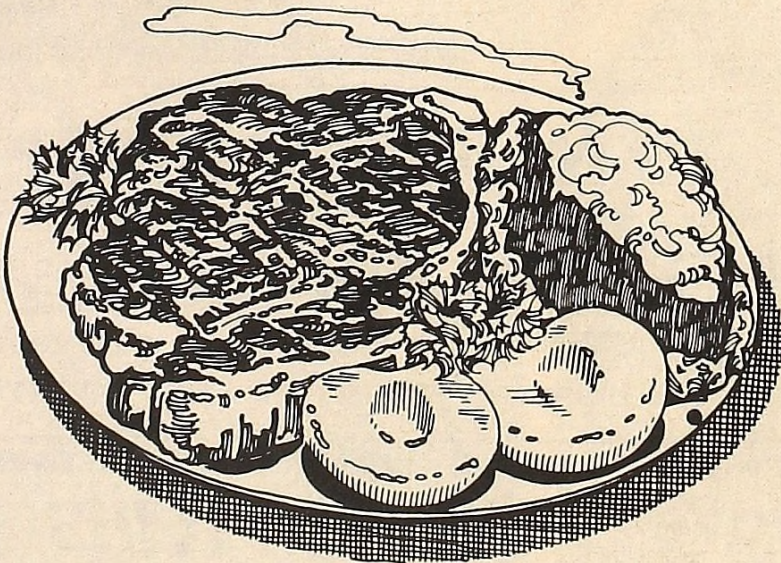
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Gout

by Dr. Jeffrey A. August, Foot Specialist and Surgeon

Gout is clearly one of the most graphic examples of how the mighty are struck low.

A painful inflammation of the joints caused by an excess of uric acid in the blood, gout has historically been known as the disease of kings.

Now that more is known about the debilitating ailment, it can be treated or even avoided entirely by close attention to diet, stress, and alcohol intake. However, more than 1.8 million Americans, mostly middle-aged men, are bothered by the disease.

Gout is one of the 100 types of arthritis. It occurs when too much uric acid — hyperuricemia — forms tiny crystals in the joints. The movement of the crystals triggers a gout attack.

The attack, inflammation and throbbing pain in a joint, usually the big toe, often begins at night. The joint becomes quite swollen and the skin darkens almost to purple and feels feverishly hot.

The initial attack may last just a few days. This is the time to find out if it is indeed gout. Left untreated, gout can affect other joints, with the build-up of uric crystals forming rock-like structures and causing permanent bone damage.

The test for gout involves the podiatrist examining a blood sample under a microscope for the presence of uric acid. Several drugs are used for treat-

ment, and your podiatrist will recommend the one suited to your case.

Foods with excessive amounts of purine nitrogen, the element that forms uric acid, include: anchovies, asparagus, brains, consommé, gravies, heart, herring, kidney, liver, meat extracts, mincemeat, mushrooms, mussels, roe, sardines, scallops, and sweetbreads. Drinking more fluids — several glasses of water a day — can help dilute the harmful effects of uric acid and help the kidneys excrete it.

Gout is rare in women until after menopause, when hormonal changes can cause an increase in uric acid. It is also rare in men under age 30.

A condition that occurs in women mimics gout in symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment. It is referred to as pseudo gout, and responds well to dietary changes and an increase in water intake.

There's only one thing positive to be said for a sufferer of gout — "You're not in bad company." Many great men have been so afflicted, including Alexander the Great, Benjamin Franklin, Henry VIII, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Martin Luther, Sir Isaac Newton, and John Milton. □

A VINTAGE MURDER

The Romulus Arts Council will host a Murder Mystery Evening entitled "A Vintage Murder" (staged in the 1955 era) beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Detroit Metro Airport Holiday Inn. Tickets (125) will be sold on an advance basis only for \$25 each. For ticket info, call Susan Watt at 941-0476.

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 26, 1990

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, March 26, 1990, was called to order by President Berlinn at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Berlinn.

Approval of Agenda:

Dr. Bedell requested Items D. "Teacher Lay-Offs — 1990/91" and I. "Volunteer Recognition Dinner — Discussion" be deleted from the Agenda.

3/90/16 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve the Agenda as amended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

3/90/17 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of March 12, 1990, with the following correction/addition. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Correction:

(motion omitted in error from Minutes of 3/12/90)

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

3/90/12a Moved by Wilkerson supported by King the Board send a letter of commendation to NJROTC for a well-planned event (NJROTC Ball). Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

A letter was received from Wayne County Community College inviting all interested parties to an Open House on April 5, 1990.

Kathy Abdo, a Romulus resident and teacher, asked about use of 1.5 mill fund in Restructuring Committee.

Kathy Abdo asked about bidding procedures for major purchases for the school district.

Report of the Superintendent:

Executive Session — Discussion of Superintendent's Evaluation

3/90/18 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of discussing Superintendent's evaluation. Roll call showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 7:39 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 8:14 P.M.

Personnel Actions

There were no Personnel Actions recommended at this evening's meeting.

MEAP Certificates

Dan Murray, Principal, Merriman Elementary; and Charles Shamey, Principal, Barth Elementary, were presented MEAP certificates recognizing the performance of 75% or more of their fourth graders in the Category 4 of the MEAP math test.

Bills for Payment

3/90/19 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Awarding of Tax Anticipation Note

3/90/20 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board approve awarding of Tax Anticipation Note of \$3,600,000 to Security Bank & Trust at 6.24% interest. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

R. E. A. C. H. Report

Marcie MacMahan gave a report on the R. E. A. C. H. Program.

Field Trip — Merriman

3/90/21 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley the Board authorize Merriman's sixth grade students to go to Toronto on April 5, 1990. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3/90/22 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the Board approve moving Item J. "Possible Wage Implementation" to become Item M. 1. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board members: 1) Bus Referrals — 1989/90; 2) WCCC Letter — Possible Summer School; 3) Hurst Memo — Student, Stacie Brown; 4) Memo to Dan Hurst — PHI DELTA KAPPA; and 5) Meriweather Letters on Career Day.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Kesner: Made motion to stop the roll of the Superintendent's contract. Motion died for lack of support.

Member Langley: Mentioned article in *The Romulus News* on school finance, March 21 publication.

3/90/23 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson the Board send a letter to Council and Mayor communicating accurate information on school financing. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3/90/24 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Kesner the Board send recognition to student Stacie Brown on scholarship award for summer educational trip to Finland. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Executive Session — Negotiations

3/90/25 Moved by Wilkerson supported by Langley the Board convene in Executive Session for purpose of Negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:45 P.M.

Possible Wage Implementation

3/90/26 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board direct the Business Office to implement a 7% raise retroactive for the contract year 89/90 for the teachers bargaining unit. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

3/90/27 Moved by Bales supported by Kesner the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel R. Bales, Secretary
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"The new system will provide a greater opportunity for professionals and the public to work together to protect the integrity of the licensed health professionals and the health and safety of all Michigan residents," Rep. Gubow said.

The committee, appointed by House Speaker Lewis N. Dodak (D-Birch Run Area), recommends that the licensing boards for each medical specialty or discipline continue to function separately and be responsible for licensing and continuing education requirements.

The discipline process would be combined for all 15 licensed health occupations and would consist of:

- a thorough investigation of complaints and recommendations for action by the Department of Licensing and Regulation;
 - a mandatory settlement conference;
 - formal hearings on complaints by three-member regional boards consisting of two peers of the affected health care professional and an attorney; and
 - a final review, with any appropriate disciplinary actions, by a full-time state discipline board consisting of five members of the public and two licensed health care professionals.
- "The new system would increase the state's disciplinary powers," Rep. Gubow said, "and clearly define roles and expectations of the health care professionals, patients, advocates, and all others involved in the process."

Other committee recommendations include distribution of information to the public on how to file complaints, increased investigative staff for the Department of Licensing and Regulation, direct reporting of certain misdemeanor and felony convictions for all licensed health professionals, automatic suspension for certain convictions, and increased publication of disciplinary actions. The committee also recommended that all licensing fees be increased and earmarked for the new program.

"Many people who spoke to the committee supported increased disciplinary actions," Rep. Gubow said, "if the process included peer participation, timely actions, and increased staff and authority for the Department of Licensing and Regulation."

The Special Ad Hoc Committee on Physician Licensure was appointed by Speaker Dodak in January, 1989, to examine Michigan's physician licensure and discipline system and to recommend legislation that would improve the quality of medical care. Other members of the committee are Representatives Sharon Gire (D-Clinton Township), Roland G. Niederstadt (D-Saginaw), Nelson Saunders (D-Detroit), Bart Stupak (D-Menominee), Rick Bandstra (R-Grand Rapids), Frank Fitzgerald (R-Grand Ledge), and Gerald Law (R-Plymouth). □

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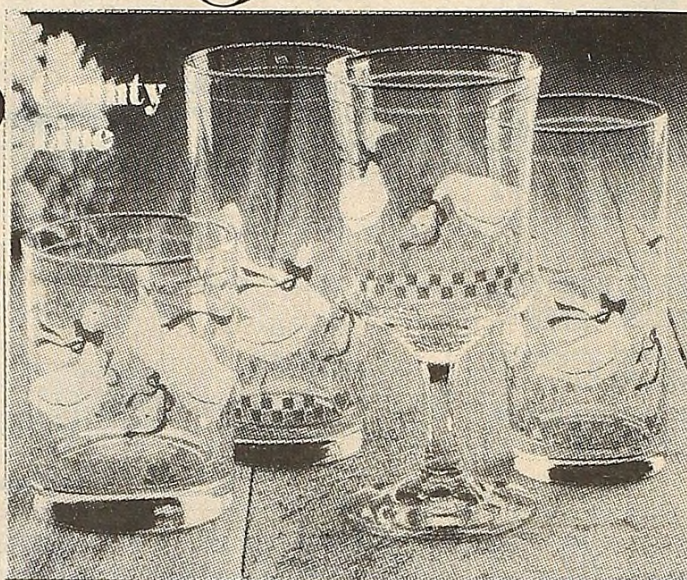
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